

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

On Thursday, June 18, 2020, a regular meeting of the Illinois Racing Board was held via WebEx Audio Conferencing starting at 10:00 a.m. The following Board members participated: Chairman Dan Beiser and Commissioners Marcus Davis, Charles MacKelvie, Thomas McCauley, Arlene Mulder, Benjamin Reyes. Staff members Domenic DiCera, John Gay, Mickey Ezzo, Michael Belmonte, and Donald Marquez also participated. The meeting was recessed at 11:10 a.m. on June 18, 2020.

At 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19, 2020, the meeting was reconvened. The meeting was recessed at 1:20 p.m. on June 19, 2020 and reconvened at 3:45 p.m. The meeting was recessed at 3:50 p.m. on June 19, 2020. At 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020, the meeting was reconvened.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

The Board entertained comments from the following speakers: Wesley Wieczorek; Tony Somone, representing the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association (IHHA); and representing the Illinois Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association (ITHA), Michael Campbell and David McCaffrey.

BOARD REQUESTS

Commissioner Reyes moved for ratification of the Board Order approved by the Board on June 5, 2020. The Board Order amended the 2020 Dates Order by allotting Fairmount Park live racing from June 9, 2020 through September 7, 2020 for a total of 27 programs. Live racing on Mondays and Tuesdays with a post time of 4:30 p.m. and racing on September 5, 2020. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval to assign dark host days to Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC beginning June 19, 2020 through July 22, 2020. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote (5-1). Commissioner McCauley voted against the motion. John Walsh and Michael Murray testified on behalf of Hawthorne Race Course. Tony Petrillo, John Matter and Shawn Wood testified on behalf of Arlington Park.

LICENSEE REQUESTS

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval to amend the 2020 Dates Order to reflect the following changes proposed by Arlington Park Racecourse, LLC: Resume live racing on Thursday, July 23. Racing live three days per week, 8 races per day on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Post-times 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dark September 27, 28, 29 and 30 for a total of 30 live race days. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote. Tony Petrillo testified on behalf of Arlington Park.

Commissioner Reyes moved for approval of the Arlington Park racing officials for 2020. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McCauley motioned to approve the May 22, 2020 and June 5, 2020 Board meeting minutes. Commissioner Mulder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

ADJOURMENT

At 11:05 a.m. on June 22, 2020, Commissioner Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Reyes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0) by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Domenic DiCera
Executive Director